Annual Report of Appomattox County Home Demonstration Agent

Miss Ella Smith, home demonstration agent for Appomattox county, has released the following report of home demonstration work carried on in the year 1940:

There are 14 organized demonstration clubs and one other group with 4-H's income level with which the agent and leaders work in the county. Each group has two project leaders who attend leader conferences and try out the project work at home. Then the project work is presented to the club members at regular monthly meetings.

There are approximately 1000 white homemakers in Appomattox county, 260 of these being enrolled in home demonstration clubs. Through direct contact with these members the home demonstration leaders and agent reach indirectly about 950 others. There are 260 members enrolled this year compared with 249 enrolled in 1939. There are five clubs in Stonewall district, 3 in Diversion Hill, and 4 clubs in Southside district.

The house furnishing program was carried out as a major project for 1940 largely because the women felt there was need for this and one in which the whole family could participate. A county summary of house furnishings work shows that 124 pieces of furniture were repaired, 32 pieces remodeled, 256 pieces refinished, 124 chairs reseated, 126 slip covers and 142 accessories made or renovated. One hundred and sixty-five families followed recommendations for cleaning furniture, and 49 families followed suggestions for improving arrangement of rooms. Storage spaces were improved by 30 families, 155 pieces of household linins made, and 74 tufted bedspreads made. A total savings due to this program of $2,221.20 is reported. More non members have been reached through this program than through any other during the four preceding years.

Live At Home Program

The live at home program of work was carried out by each group. The women are becoming more aware of the economical value of living at home, saving or having more money to spend for other living expenses. The leaders report shows that 40 demonstrations were given on foods. The county summary of foods work show 215 families "living at home" raising practically all food used; 190 families are serving better balanced meals 79 families are packing better school lunches; 218 homes reached by canning suggestions. A total of 60,498 quarts of food canned is an approximate cost of $1,249.69 at an estimated savings of $11,270.75; 13,918 pounds of dried vegetables and fruits, 5,510 bushels of vegetables and fruits stored, 58 dozens of eggs in waterglass; and 120 pounds of honey stored. Two hundred and fifteen families report butchering and curing and canning meat.

Cheese making demonstrations have been given in 10 communities and 246 pounds of cheese reported made. Demonstrations on bread making have also held an important part on the program, stressing the use of home baked products and the nutritional value.

Clothing work was carried as a minor project by five groups and 15 coats were made, the result of the successful coat clinic held in 1939. Twenty eight members work ed on renovation and remodeling and improving care of clothing and 288 garments were remodeled at an estimated savings of $396.25; 42 members doing their own dry cleaning at an estimated saving of $90.

87 members report improvements in posture as a health measure, which was stressed in each club, when at one meeting, corrective exercises were given.

Active In Community Projects

The clubs were active in community projects. Each of the 15 clubs cooperated with the Appomattox Garden Club in sponsoring a county-wide clean up campaign. The leaders reported 27 homes painted; 49 homes repaired; 120 dump piles removed and four groups are landscaping their church yards and have bought shrubbery. Two groups did roadside plantings in their communities; 3 communities have collected and made over old clothes for needy children, made quilts and distributed to needy families in their communities. Five groups have helped with canning for hot lunch school room projects. Each group prepares a basket of food to be given to a needy family in the community for Christmas.

The home demonstration leaders have had seven training meetings in 1940 with an attendance of 121 leaders. Four of these were on major projects; one on gardening and two on minor project work and organization. There are 30 leaders working in 15 groups. During the year these leaders have held 86 meetings with an attendance of 1098 people. Twenty-six training clinics were held with an attendance of 358 people.

Health And Sanitation

"Health and Sanitation", the county wide campaign, has been carried on with all agencies in the county cooperating. The schools put special emphasis on safe water supply and report 560 wells and springs cleaned. The clubs cooperated with the Tuberculosis Association in putting on a clinic in the early spring where approximately 125 were examined and x-rayed. Eighty homes have been screened, and 49 families have followed recommendations for controlling flies and insects. Eighteen families have installed sanitary toilets according to recommended plans. 124 report improved health as a result of the health and sanitation program.

The home demonstration clubs are in most cases the only organizations in Appomattox county vitally concerned with recreation in the various communities. Each club allows time at the regular meetings for play, song and games. Each club has sponsored at least one recreational program this year.

Membership Survey

A survey of membership in home demonstration clubs was conducted in 10 communities, reaching 120 families. A summary of this survey shows that 80 are land owners; 17 renters. Source of income largely farm, 63; partly farm, 21; and entirely other sources, 22. The largest percentage of club members fall in age groups 40 to 44 years of age; 62 report grammar school or less educational training, 16 normal school training, and 8 college training. The number of children in the home in various age groups show that the largest group from 14 to 18 years old.

One farm and home unit demonstration has been established in the county. This is a one acre tract locally of five members. The farm and home are stocked with the family on progress being made.

Library, or better reading, was the Federation Goal. A library center has been set up in each home demonstration group, with federation goal chairman of the group to act as librarian. All club members have access to the new books and since October 1939, there have been a total of 2133 books reported read. A goal was set up of 6 books for the year, but some have exceeded this number. The club members have received so much pleasure from this library service that the groups voted 100 per cent to continue better reading as a project again for 1941, with a goal set of 12 books to be read by each member.

The Evergreen home demonstration club has done outstanding work this year, including a community project, a garden for the Evergreen school lunch room project. They provided the garden plot and seed and fertilizer for the garden, the vegetables to be used for the lunch room. Early in July the club sponsored a jar shower for putting up the vegetables and got 150 jars. The amount of canning done from the garden and produce donated by members for the lunch room totalled 540 quarts. They also report dried food as follows from gardens: 23 pounds lima beans, 28 pounds peas. They have growing in the garden turnips and mustard which are being used now for hot lunches. This club has also accomplished community work in making over clothing for needy children. The club reports 18 chairs reseated, 15 pieces of furniture refinished and 9 bedspreads made.

Miss Kate Davidson, leader of the Wreck Island home demonstration club has done outstanding work as an individual member and has done an excellent piece of work in improving her furnishings. To date she has refinished a total of 24 pieces and has in process of refinishing four pieces of antique furniture.

Correspondence From Pamplin

Pamplin, Feb. 10.- Rev. J. K. Morrison preached at the Baptist church last Sunday night and also spoke at the Pamplin high school on Monday.

Rev. H. L. Reeves attended a ministerial conference in Richmond recently.

Th. W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Peterson Wednesday afternoon.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. J. D. McDarmon. The topic was "the urgent need of the Gospel." Mrs. H. T. Terry was the leader and others taking part were Mrs. L. N. Ligon, Mrs. Taylor Ingo, Mrs. Lacy Dickerson, and Mrs. W. J. Payne. Plans were made to observe the March Week of Prayer.

Miss Mary A. Savedge visited the Pamplin school Friday.

The members of the faculty who have been sick have returned to their school work.

Mrs. R. L. Terry is visiting her brother in Roanoke.

H. T. Terry Jr visited his parents, Mr and Mrs. H. T. Terry, last week end.

Mrs James Richardson visited her mother, Mrs. Samuel Torrence, of Farmville.

Mrs. Eddie Martin, of Richmond, is visiting Mrs. Lacy Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Dinkins and children visited in Pamplin last week.

Mr and Mrs H. T. Terry and son attended the funeral of Miss Mary King Terry, of Martinsville.

Gene Tunney buys country estate in Maryland.

Senator Wheeler says U. S. Army lacks modern airplanes.

Appomattox is a growing town.

Royal Family of Stuart Knew Great Misfortune

If you look into the history of a royal family, you may find a great deal of adventure and sadness, but you will have to search a long time to match the story of the house of Stuart.

Eight centuries ago, a young noble was sent to Scotland by the English king. The Normans had held power in England for nearly 100 years and had obtained some control over the Scots.

The young noble was named Walter, and he was given a great deal of land in Scotland. The king also gave him the office of steward of Scotland.

Walter's son held the same office, and so did his grandson and great grandson. That is the reason for the family name of the house of Steward or Stewart. The French spelling was Stuart, and that is how it is most often spelled in history books.

As time went on, the Stuarts came to feel more Scottish than English. They fought in battles for the freedom of Scotland.

In the year 1315 one of the Stuarts married a princess, Marjorie, the daughter of Robert Bruce. A son of this marriage at length came to the Scottish throne.

From that time onward there was a line of Stuart kings in Scotland. It is a tale of strange tragedy.

Later came Mary Queen of Scots, who was three times a widow and was held prisoner for 20 years.

Then came a quick change of fortune. The son of Mary Queen of Scots was given the English throne, ruling both England and Scotland.

Teach Children to Cross Streets, Parents Advised

Selection by parents of the best and safest route to the store and to school for small children will help greatly in reducing chances for child traffic accidents.

Eventually the child must use the street unguarded. Isn't it a parent's duty to teach the child how to use streets safely just as much as it is a duty to teach him how to dress? Since children are prone to imitate grownups, a parent's own actions in traffic will have a great deal to do with the actions of the children.

Whenever possible the most hazardous crossings should be avoided. Walk with the child over the route to be followed—and explain why that route is best; why others are dangerous. One very effective way of teaching small children the safe way to use the streets and avoid traffic accidents is used by many parents. They take a walk with the youngster and play a game at the street crossings by letting the child observe traffic conditions, conducting the parent across the street.

Sometimes it will be impossible to choose a route with all crossings protected. In such cases, parents should explain the importance of looking in all directions, and of always looking to the left just before stepping off the curb, and looking to the right at the center of the street before completing the other half of the crossing. Explain where the child should be especially watchful and why.

Device for Deflecting Glare

An attorney of Sumter, S. C., has recently obtained a patent on a device for automobiles that reflects car lights over the head of the driver and at the same time gives him clear visibility on meeting a brightly lighted automobile traveling in the opposite direction. Harmon D. Moise, who lays claim to this invention, explains the device as being a thin, transparent device, attachable to an automobile windshield, which is glued to the inside of the windshield, with the thin edge downward, deflecting the light rays upward over the driver's head. The first prisms were made of glass, but recently he has been experimenting with a plastic substance which is as clear as glass and less fragile, and which will probably last longer.

Treaty of Versailles

It is commonly asserted that the Treaty of Versailles terminated hostile relations between all the warring powers engaged in the 1914-18 World war. The truth is that this treaty concluded the war only for Germany and the Allies when it was signed on June 28, 1919. Peace between Austria and the Allies was signed September 10, 1919; between Bulgaria and the Allies on November 27, 1919; between Hungary and the Allies on June 4, 1920; between Turkey and the Allies on August 10, 1920; and between the United States and the Central Powers (Germany, Austria and Hungary) on August 25, 1921—nearly three years after the armistice was signed.

Scant Bloom of Wistaria

Wistaria seedlings some times take six or seven years to make up their minds and produce racemes of flowers. To insure immediate flowering, plant grafted stock or layered cuttings from proven plants.

Other reasons for lack of blooms, is too rich a soil, lack of sunshine or too much water. If growth is too rampant, withhold feeding and prune the long runners to within three or four buds from the old wood stock. Repeated pruning now will force the formation of flower buds.

If these precautions fail, then next fall prune the roots by spading down 12 inches deep at a distance of 18 inches from the main trunk.

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News Items from Neighboring Communities

Vera Personals

Vera, Feb. 12. Walter Robertson, of Washington, D. C., Miss Daisy Robertson of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Robertson, also of Lynchburg and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Coleman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Robertson.

Mrs. Maude Abbitt and Evelyn Chernault also spent the week- end in the same home.

J. J. Chernault spent Sunday at Chestnut Grove with his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Coleman spent Sunday with Mrs. Lollie Turnes, of Prospect.

Ernest Carter and Alber O'Brien of Washington, D. C., spent the week end with their parents.

Miss Phoebe O'Brien, of Sweet Briar spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Walker O'Brien.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Garrett spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Garrett.

Miss Irene Garrett, of Lynchburg spent the week end with her parents.

Miss Thelma Covington, of Radford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Covington.

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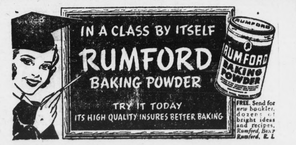

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Hollywood

Hollywood, Feb. 11.- Rev. C. A. Collins, Jr. filled his regular appointment at Hollywood Sunday morning and preached a fine sermon.

The W. M. U. of Hollywood will meet Sunday, after Sunday School, at the church.

L. H. Watson, Tommy Harvey, Walker Webb and David Ferguson who are working at Fort Eustis, spent the week end at their homes.

Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Collins Jr., and Mr. and Mrs Tommy Covington were dinner guests of Miss Mary Livington Sunday.

Mrs. Rosa Webb, who has been sick is feeling some better at this time.

Mrs. E. A. Watson left last Tuesday to visit friends in Florida.

Several from this community attended the funeral of Miss Georgia Webb, of Campbell, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Covington visited home people Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Abbitt, of Oakville were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lewis Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jenkins and family were guests of Mr and Mrs. Dewey Cawthorn Sunday.

Most of the farmers of this section have finished selling tobacco. Donald Webb was among those receiving good sales.

Forest View

Forest View, Feb. 11.- Good morning! After a long time, we are having beautiful water weather.

Mrs. J. A. Martin is much better after being under the doctor's care for several weeks with blood poisoning of the hand.

The sick are much better in this neighborhood.

Lyle Moses went to Williamsburg to work a few weeks ago, was taken sick with the flu, and had to return home. Carl Moses has also been sick.

Mrs. W. C. Lee spent one night recently with Mr and Mrs. J. A. Martin. Her husband was taken sick and she had to return home. He is better at this writing.

Mrs. A. D. Marshall spent last Wednesday evening with Mrs. J. A. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Chap Nash have returned from Washington, D. C., where he was working for a while. They are now living near Altavista.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Moses have moved from Everette Ferguson's place to the Arrington place near Appomattox.

Mrs. J. A. Martin wishes to extend to her many friends and neighbors her appreciation for the many acts of kindness and letters and cards received during her recent suffering.

The children of Dan Irby are better after having pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Everette Ferguson and family were visitors in the home of J. A. Martin Sunday P. M. All in company together visited in the home of N. D. Marshall. Then all the ladies attended the meeting of Circle No. 2 of Central Baptist church, in the home of Mrs. Hurley Trent. A very interesting program was enjoyed. Refreshments were served after the program.

Mrs. Elizabeth Thornhill and baby are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Trent.

Stonewall Events

Stonewall, Feb 12.- The womens Society of Christian Service, of Bethel Methodist church met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Mett Perdieu. The topic for the month was "Stewardship of Brotherhood."

The Y. W. A.'s of the Hebron Baptist church met last Friday evening in the home of Mrs. W. A. Irving.

Miss Agnes Jennings, of Richmond spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Jennings.

Miss Katherine Mathews, a member of the Stonewall school faculty, spent the week end at her home in Orange.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Roach, of Emporia, visited in the home of J. O. Davidson last week.

Francis Hamilton, of Richmond, spent last week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard, of Appomattox spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick.

Misses Nellie Turnes and Virginia Boyd, of Gladys spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Turnes.

Mrs. C. M. Stratton spent last week in Appomattox with her daughter, Mrs. C. P. Crawley.

Mrs. Carsie Brown, of Lynchburg spent the week end with her family here.

Word has been received here of the illness of Howard Elder, in Richmond. Mr. Elder is widely related here.

Tree-Ring Patterns Date Prehistoric Artifacts

To the uninitiated the methods by which archeologists determine the age of the various things they dig up are often mysterious, especially when the material antedates civilization's written records.

One of the methods is dendrochronology—or the use of tree rings, as an archeological calendar—which has been successfully applied in dating prehistoric artifacts excavated from sites in the American Southwest.

The method originated with an astronomer who very much wanted weather records extending back much farther than existing statistics. This astronomer, Dr. A. E. Douglass, director of the Seward observatory, University of Arizona at Tucson, required weather records that would tell the relation between sun spots and the earth's atmosphere.

In his need, he hit upon the fact that trees add a ring for each year of growth and that these rings vary according to the moisture supplied to the trees by rain and snow. Wet years produce broad rings, and dry years narrow rings.

By careful study of hundreds of these trees, Dr. Douglass has derived an unbroken succession of tree-ring patterns giving a continuous weather record for his section of the country for more than 1,200 years.

Conscientious Motorist Sends Family New Dog

This is a story attested to by two newspapers, as well as by a reliable correspondent, although no names are supplied with it. It is interesting and unusual and it parallels the government's famous "Conscience Fund."

A Philadelphian and his wife missed their cherished young cocker spaniel which had gone out on the street for a walk. They found him dead in the middle of the road, evidently run over by a car. He had been wearing a handsome collar with a license tag on it. His collar was gone, presumably stolen.

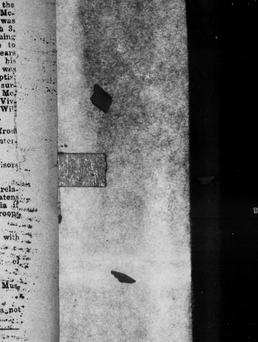
A week later, the couple received word from the Railway Express company that a "package" had arrived at the company's office for them. They drove there to pick it up. It was a crate, containing a live cocker spaniel pup, as much as possible like the cocker which had been run over and killed.

The new puppy's throat was encircled by the dead dog's collar-license tag and all.

Evidently, someone had run over the first cocker by accident and, from the license tag, had gained a clue to the name and address of the owner, and then had bought a valuable new cocker, put the collar on him and shipped him by express.

Wendell Willkie returns from flying trip to England and advocates increased aid to British.

Trouble in Paradise



With plenty of snow and nice cold (be-r-r-r) water, Mr. and Mrs. Polar Bear at the Prospect Park zoo, in New York city, indulge in a family squabble. Mrs. Bear is sore because the old man used up all the ice water before she had a chance to take her bath.

FUNERAL OF MR. SWORD

Mr. Samuel Sword died at the home of his son in law, James McCracken, on February 5th. He was born in Russell county on March 3, 1863. He retired from farming about ten years ago and came to Appomattox, Route One, four years ago to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. McCracken. He was a member of the Christian Baptist church, Russell county. He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. McCracken, a son, Jerry Sword, of Virginia, W. Va. and one brother, William Sword, of Russell county.

Funeral services were held from the home February 7th, with interment in the Moon cemetery.

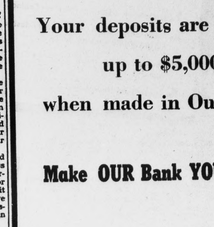
The county board of supervisors met yesterday.

Britain severs diplomatic relations with Rumania, and threatens to sever relations with Bulgaria if King Boris permits German troops to pass through Bulgaria.

Italians admit bombardment of Genoa by British naval unit.

General Franco confers with Mussolini.

Churchhill says England does not and will not need U. S. Army.



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